



“Waimea Middle School empowers all students with the skills, values and cultural understanding to successfully navigate high school and beyond.”

Meeting Title:	WMS Local Advisory Panel (LAP) - FINAL
Date & Time:	4-6 pm, Mon., May 19, 2014
Members Present:	<p>Community Reps: Colin Miura</p> <p>Family Reps: Lori Bergin, Tim Beneski</p> <p>Student Reps: Elections in progress</p> <p>Certificated Reps: Nau’i Murphy, Erica Owens</p> <p>Classified Reps: Lori Ching</p> <p>WMS Admin: Matt Horne, Amy Kendziorski, Patti Cook</p> <p>Student Advisor: Eunice “Laz” Lazarus</p>
	<p><u>Guests:</u></p> <p>Family: Patrick Hurney</p> <p><u>Excused:</u></p> <p>Community Rep: Dr. Kamana Beamer, Robert Lindsey</p> <p>Certificated: Jade Bowman</p> <p>Classified: Bernie Marsh</p> <p>Ho’okako’o Corp. Reps: Dr. Guy Kaulukukui, Robert Witt, Dr. Ken Fischer</p>

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Topic:	Discussion:	Action:
<p>1. Welcome & Introductions Colin Miura a) Welcome b) Confirm Quorum c) Review & Approve Minutes from April 28, 2014 d) Preview Agenda</p> <p>2. Principal’s Update – Matt Horne a) Student Performance Update</p> <p>b) Steak-Fry Celebration Recap: Student & Staff Awards, Fundraising Campaign (<i>‘Grit’ video clip</i>)</p>	<p>MHorne provided brief recap of the SY – final data not available yet so will provide this at the next LAP meeting on student achievement for the 2013-’14 SY.</p> <p>NMurphy discussed challenges and frustration experienced by Science Department – students arrive with very little prior science education.</p> <p>LBergin discuss trying to get WES faculty-staff to use data. Also discussed data systems used – WES uses NWEA; WMS uses STAR – moved away from NWEA because complex was moving to STAR; now some are back to NWEA. LBergin thinks NWEA sets higher standards than STAR. “Remediation and differentiation right on target with NWEA.”</p> <p>Laz noted that WMS had increased the number of students “approaching” and shrunk the number of students “well below” – This is important factor that statewide STRIVE HI accountability system looks for.</p> <p>Re: Year-End Steak-Fry Celebration (presentation of Student GRIT Awards and Faculty-Staff Excellence Awards) and Fundraiser for buses. Very successful – well attended.</p> <p>LAP had recommended asking families and community for a donation rather than setting a specific donation suggestion. Event raised almost \$700, which was an average of about \$3 per person. Since this is what we had thought about asking for – everyone was pleased by how much families and community contributed. Ladies at the door said every single guest</p>	<p>Meeting started at 4:05 w/ welcome, ple & introductions. Quorum confirmed.</p> <p>Approved 4/28/14 minutes (after redacting personal references), then to be posted on website.</p> <p>No revisions to the agenda.</p>

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<p>3. Ho'okako'o Local School Board & Charter Update – Dr. Megan McCorrison</p>	<p>contributed something. All agreed it was a great evening for students and families – thanks to The Neilan Foundation and M/M Gimbel.</p> <p>Was brief discussion about proposed purchase of buses – what this might mean to the school financially and operationally, and how it might impact WES students/families. MHorne explained that WMS was contracting for a bus study by a consultant knowledgeable about DOE busing to examine potential costs, savings, obstacles and challenges. A quick review has indicated an annual savings of about \$30,000/year per bus but we would know more when study was completed. Study being funded by Neilan Foundation.</p> <p>MMcCorrison began by congratulating all for their part in WMS being awarded 6-year Accreditation – “best you can get.” Represents a commitment to “continuous improvement.”</p> <p>MM also saluted the school for successfully securing almost \$10 million from the 2014 Legislature for a total of \$15M for its STEM building. Said that this, coupled with Accreditation, will help the school attract more students and teachers.</p> <p>Also shared that she would be out on maternity leave July-August till November. Everyone wished her the best.</p> <p>MM asked group for input on what would make LAP more meaningful – how could meetings be more productive, what useful activities could LAP be involved in. Invited input from all either at meetings or by email/calls.</p> <p>Briefly discussed status of new, mandatory 3-year Public School Charter Contract, which must be executed by June 30. Very little time for review/input from the school and also from HC. In fact, the Charter Commission was still finalizing the document itself! Consequently, the measurements of success will probably be very similar to Strive HI. MM regretted not having more information; the document is still a work-in-progress w/ the charter school commission so not more to report.</p>	<p>Group in general expressed a hope that the hard work WMS teachers have done on Schoolwide Learning Results (SWLRS) as part of Accreditation will continue to be our measurements of success.</p>
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<p>4. 2014-'15 SY Changes to Comply with Federal and State Legislation and Initiatives – Introduced by Matt Horne</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) Lengthening the School Dayb) Intervention Classes and Response to Intervention Systemc) Inclusive Education	<p>MHorne reviewed Legislative mandate to extend school day for all Hawaii middle schools beginning this next year – adding 45 minutes to the day – 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. (M-T-Th-F) and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesdays. Longer school day can be beneficial for students and is enabling the school to add back in exploratories, but there are concerns about how this will impact families, especially those with children in WES who depend on older children to accompany younger ones home on the bus.</p> <p>PHurney and CMiura have both expressed concerns and interest in getting together a consortium of parents and community and perhaps reaching out to churches and others to develop safe after-school options.</p> <p>Brief discussion about student safety after school and school and library policies of “kicking students off campus” – and that they both had received calls about their children “loitering”...</p> <p>MHorne and AKendziorski explained that it is a challenge – neither WES nor WMS have staffing to provide supervision after 3 pm and there are some families who need a safe place or activity for their children for sometimes up to 6 pm (3 hours). It used to be OK to send them to the library but that has become problematic with Library staff not prepared to manage the students – really not fair to them.</p> <p>This is a problem for WES families with students in 4th-5th grade as well as WMS – 4th and 5th graders refuse to go to A+. All agreed we do not want to do anything that inadvertently harms A+ - be aware of possible unintended consequences.</p> <p>Group discussed a wide array of options and possibilities – yes, there are some days where there are programs/activities – ie, Homework Help+, K(Arts), sports, etc. But not enough – not seamless.</p> <p>MHorne said that – knowing about this concern from Patrick Hurney -- he had recently taken Mrs. Gimbel to see the building that Mana Christian 'Ohana built because Kahu Billy has expressed interest in providing after-school</p>	
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<p>5. LAP Involvement with Continuous Improvement – Introduced by Matt Horne</p> <p>a) 2014-15 After-School Supervision/Support Options for Students from 3 – 5:30 pm</p> <p>b) Accreditation Action Plans, Recommendations and LAP Participation</p> <p>6. Future Meeting Dates and Frequency of LAP Meetings – Colin Miura</p> <p>7. Coming Events & Opportunities – Patti Cook</p> <p>a) Annual Parent Surveys</p>	<p>homework support. It’s a beautiful space. Mrs. Gimbel seemed interested in supporting such a program with equipment, materials, supplies but not paid staff. MHorne not sure about what Kahu Billy has in mind.</p> <p>CMiura brought up Boys and Girls Club, which offers this kind of a program at several locations in Hilo, Puna and Ka’u. He will ask his boss, Toby Taniguchi, about this as Toby serves on the volunteer board for this non-profit. He said he thinks membership in B&GCBI is \$16/year – program is virtually free to families.</p> <p>MHorne also shared that he had recently sent home a letter to families about the 2014-’15 SY – had three calls from families specifically concerned about discontinuing “Honors” program. He explained that this was recommended by the teachers; that WMS does want an Honors program and/or a Gifted & Talented program that really lives up to its name – that it is more rigorous -- not just something named that. He acknowledged this is an area that needs serious attention during 2014-’15 SY and this was specifically mentioned by the Accreditation Visiting Cmte in their final report.</p> <p>See notes above re: student supervision 3-5:30 pm</p> <p>MHorne said that based on the Accreditation Visiting Committee’s recommendations, WMS will revise its Action Plans and be asking LAP, families and community to support implementation beginning in the fall.</p> <p>A head’s up to everyone that annual family surveys will be going home soon. These are critical to both the ongoing Accreditation Action Plan process and to securing grants including Title 1.</p>	<p>Group agreed to continue this discussion – Mon., June 9, 9 a.m. – and CMiura would talk to Toby Taniguchi about inviting a representative of the Boys and Girls Club of the Big Island (B&GCBI) to the meeting. PCook will invite Kahu Billy and also friends Phyllis Tarail & Joel Cohen (both involved in Hamakua Youth Center)</p> <p>Agreed meetings would continue on 4th Mondays (usually) 4-6 p.m. Next meeting confirmed for July 28, 2014.</p>
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<p>b) Take-a-LAP Family-Community Fun Run – Schedule for August 2014</p> <p>c) Other Opportunities</p> <p>8. Principal’s Update – Matt Horne a) Summer School b) Inclusive Education</p> <p>9. Concluding Remarks, Future Agenda Items, & Next Steps – Colin Miura</p> <p>Next Meeting – July 28, 2014, 4-6 pm</p>	<p>Brief recap of Summer School plans. Did not discuss Inclusive Education.</p> <p>CMiura thanked all for coming and wished everyone a great summer – concluding a very successful school year.</p>	<p>Group agreed to repeat the “Take a LAP” Fun Run/Walk but this year will use it to help fundraise for buses. Also agreed to move date to Fri., Sept. 12.</p> <p>Next meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Election of LAP members b) Election of LAP officers c) Take a LAP Fun Run/Walk
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